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SUBJECT: UNESCO: PAYMENT OF US CONTRIBUTION

1. SET FORTH BELOW AS PARA 2 IS TEXT OF FEBRUARY 10 LETTER FROM UNESCO. DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW TO SECRETARY OF STATE REQUESTING EXPEDITIOUS PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING US CONTRIBUTION TO UNESCO. (LETTER WAS TRANSMITTED THROUGH USUN BECAUSE M'BOW IS IN NEW YORK FOR UN RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE.) ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED.

2. QUOTE

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

REFERENCE: DG/7.5/890/4319 10 FEBRUARY 1976

SIR,

I HAVE WRITTEN TO YOU ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE ORGANIZATION. IT IS WITH THIS PREOCCUPATION IN MIND THAT I AM WRITING TO YOU AGAIN TO SEEK YOUR CO-OPERATION.

THE POSITION IS THAT WHILE MOST MEMBER STATES HAVE PAID THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1975, AND SOME FOR 1976 AS WELL, OTHERS
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HAVE NOT YET PAID IN FULL THEIR 1975 CONTRIBUTION OR

EVEN, IN SOME CASES THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EARLIER BIENNIA.

IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION
TO THE FACT THAT THE FOLLOWING SUMS ARE STILL OWED BY YOUR
GOVERNMENT AS ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE REGULAR BUDGET OF
THE ORGANIZATION:

1973-1974	\$ 2,721,852
1975	\$19,472,500

TOTAL	\$22,194,352

TO THIS SUM MUST BE ADDED THE CONTRIBUTION
DUE FOR 1976, I.E., \$19,472,500.

SINCE THE UNITED STATES' CONTRIBUTION REPRESENTS A QUARTER
OF THE ORGANIZATION'S BUDGET, ITS NON-PAYMENT HAS VERY SERIOUS
CONSEQUENCES FOR UNESCO. AS YOU ARE AWARE FROM MY LETTER OF
10 JULY 1975, I HAVE BEEN COMPELLED TO ASK MEMBER STATES FOR
INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO ENABLE THE ORGANIZATION TO COVER ITS
IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS. THIS IS, OF COURSE, ONLY A TEMPORARY
MEASURE AND I MAY HAVE TO RESORT TO THE COMMERCIAL MARKET WHERE
INTEREST ON THE LOANS WOULD REPRESENT A HEAVY FINANCIAL
BURDEN ON THE ORGANIZATION'S MEMBER STATES, SHOULD THE ARREARS
DUE BY CERTAIN STATES NOT BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.

I SHOULD ACCORDINGLY BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD KINDLY
ARRANGE FOR THE SUMS DUE BY YOUR GOVERNMENT TO BE PAID
TO THE ORGANIZATION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

MAY I ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECALL THAT BY MY
LETTER DATED 30 JUNE I APPEALED, ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE
BOARD AS WELL AS IN MY OWN NAME, TO ALL MEMBER STATES TO
CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT SET UP BY VIRTUE OF
RESOLUTION 50.1, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT
ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION, CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION
OF THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT NAIROBI,
KENYA.

I HAVE NOT AS YET RECEIVED A REPLY TO MY COMMUNICATION AND
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I SHOULD THEREFORE BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD KINDLY INFORM ME AT
YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S DECISION IN
THIS RESPECT.

I AM CONVINCED THAT YOU WILL READILY UNDERSTAND THE REASONS
WHICH HAVE MOTIVATED ME, IN THE INTEREST OF
UNESCO'S MEMBER STATES, TO ASK
YOU TO BE GOOD ENOUGH TO ENSURE THAT ALL PAYMENTS DUE

TO THE ORGANIZATION ARE EFFECTED AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

(SIGNED)

AMADOU-MAHTAR M'BOW

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